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SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO PANMUNJOM INCIDENT

REFS: (A) STATE 211862, (B) LISBON 5804, (C) LISBON 5778,

(D) LISBON 5750, (E) LISBON 5712, (F) LISBON 5686

1. NORTH KOREAN INCIDENT FOR THE MOST PART RECEIVED STRAIGHTFORWARD TREATMENT IN THE PORTUGUESE PRESS. BOTH US AND NORTH KOREAN VIEWS WERE REPORTED (SEE REFTELS B THRU F). TO THE DEGREE THAT PORTUGUESE PRESS TOOK SIDES REACTION BROKE ALONG PARTY LINES. COMMUNIST "O DIARIO" ECHOED NORTH KOREAN LINE (REF C). SOCIALIST AND CONSERVATIVE PRESS ACCEPTED US VERSION. THE EXCEPTION WAS NORMALLY MODERATE, INFLUENTIAL "EXPRESSO" OF AUGUST 27 WHICH CONCLUDED THAT US HAD PROVOKED THE CRISIS BASED ON DISTORTED LOGIC REPORTED SEPTTEL.

2. POLITICAL CONTACTS DID NOT RAISE THE KOREAN INCIDENT, WHICH WAS GENERALLY PERCEIVED AS TOO FAR REMOVED TO BE IMPORTANT TO PORTUGAL. MILITARY CONTACTS ON THE CENTER AND RIGHT HAVE RAISED THE SUBJECT WITH DATT AND ALUSNA. THEY UNIVERSALLY BLAMED NORTH KOREA. TWO ARMY SOURCES FELT THAT INCIDENT WAS ORCHESTRATED BY SOVIETS.  
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